Losses due to pilferage in DTC

2303. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Transport Corporation has made any estimate of the losses suffered by it due to pilferage in stores and revenue drain;

(b) if so, what are the details of the losses suffered on these counts during the last two years; and

(c) what steps are being taken to check the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC have estimated the losses incurred on account of pilferage in stores as:—

1986-87 . .	Rs. 36,993.86
1987-88 .	Rs. 91,755.66

As regards estimates of loss of revenue due to ticketless travels, the quantification has not been possible. Traffic Supervisory Staff exercise checks on the line and any passenger found without ticket, a composition fee of Rs. 20|- is charged from him. An amount of Rs. 37.26 lakhs was realised during 1986-87 and Rs. 46.43 lakhs were collected during 1987-88 on such componding fee during last 2 years.

(c) To check pilferage|theft of stores, security measures in depots|stores have been tightened. Strict action is taken against the employees involved in such activities. As regards loss of revenues, checking measures to obviate ticketless travellingg has been intensified.

Re-opening Barmer-Khokhrapar Railway line

2304. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to re-open the Barmer-Khokhrapar Railway line, in view of the improved relations with Pakistan; and

(b) when the said line was closed and whether the line is still being maintained by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Munabao-Khokhrapar has been closed to traffic since 1965. Line between Barmer and Munabao is open and being maintained by the railways.

Introduction of a South Indian Language as Compulsory Language

2305. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has recently introduced a South Indian language in addition, compulsorily to be studied for the students from 7th to 12th class;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a scheme has not been implemented in the Public and Government schools; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for deviating from the Three Language Formula and the reasons for not replacing the third language with the South Indian language in Central schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) In order to conform to the Courses of study prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has reorganised teaching of languages at different levels in Kendriya Vidyalayas in different region as under:

(i) Hindi and English will continue to be taught as compulsory languages